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ULTRAVIOLET FLUORESCENCE

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, which the Examiner may deem relevant to the patentability of the above-identified application. One copy of A8-A13 is submitted herewith.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO-1449. The references contained in this Information Disclosure Statement were first cited in the attached International Search Report (EP) dated April 23, 2004, in counterpart International Application No. PCT/US 03/37292.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies the documents as "prior art" against any claims in the application and Applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

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Respectfully submitted,

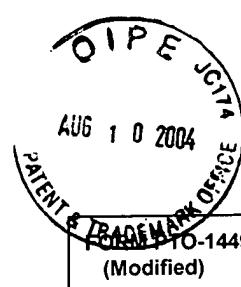
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**FOREIGN PATENT OR PUBLISHED FOREIGN PATENT APPLICATION**

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	A8	WO 02/16917 A1	02/28/2002	WIPO				
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	A10	EP 0806652 A2	11/12/1997	Europe				
	A11	EP 1220165 A3	03/10/2004	Europe				
	A12	EP 1220165 A2	07/03/2002	Europe				

**OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**

	A13	International Search Report for PCT/US 03/37292 dated 04/23/2004

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